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COMPLETES GIANT EXCAVATOR IN RECORD TIME;  
REPAIR PLANT CRITICIZED

GOES FROM DRAWING BOARD TO JOB IN 20 MONTHS -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 8 Apr 51

The giant ESh 14/65 walking dragline put out by the Sverdlovsk Uralmash Plant was designed, manufactured, assembled, and put into operation in the record time of 20 months.

FOUNDRY SENDS PLANT DEFECTIVE PARTS -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 17 Apr 51

The City Administration for Construction of Roads, Bridges, and Streetcar Lines (Dormostmekhanizatsiya) and its Repair Plant are failing to give sufficient support to the road-building projects now going on in Moscow. According to the plan, ten excavators should have been repaired by April, but only eight were finished. As for bulldozers, not a single machine was repaired in the specified time.

Calling all hands to work on deadline jobs, and end-of-the-month speed ups are an old story at the plant. Director Blokhin and Chief Engineer Kovalev pay little attention to orderly work schedules.

The motor shop is dark and dirty; the testing stand has been turned into a storage place. The shop chief fails to run his work according to any plan, and motors sometimes have to come right back to be repaired over again.

There are not enough spare parts at the plant. In March, the management was given permission to buy the needed parts, but their acquisition has been held up because of lack of funds.

Trusts and offices of the administration owe the repair plant over 500,000 rubles. This indebtedness is increasing, and the plant is in a grave financial condition, but the administration does nothing to help it.

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Last summer, the road machines frequently broke down because of their poor state of repair. Many of the machines, taken to the repair plant, broke down again several days after leaving the plant. This was the case with tractor No 28, bulldozer No 30, and excavator No 4.

The Dormostmekhanizatsiya Foundry supplies the Repair Plant with low-quality products. In March, 18 pistons were received. The Technical Central Division of the Repair Plant found them all defective, but they were used in spite of this.

The chief engineer of the plant, Kovalev, justifies this procedure by pointing out that while these pistons will not last as long as sound ones, they will give at least some service. Samoylenko, director of the trust, and Chief Engineer Borodavko silently sanction the use of low-quality parts in repairs.

It is time for the director of the administration to correct the situation.

REDUCE REJECTS, SAVE METAL -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 25 Apr 51

The Tashkent Excavator Plant is taking resolute measures to get over its shortcomings. In the foundry, for example, which was the most backward shop of the plant in 1950, the feed of molding sand has been mechanized, and machine molding is being applied; both measures are effecting a reduction in rejects. Other technological advances have been made, and considerable metal has been saved.

CENTRALIZE ELEVATOR MANUFACTURE -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 7 May 51

For a period of 2 years the Moscow Pod'yemnik Plant failed to meet its production plan, its former directors offering the excuse that the work load was too heavy. Actually, the plant was lagging because of poor planning, with accompanying piling-up of subassembly parts and last minute speed-ups at the end of every month.

Recently, technological and managerial changes have been made at the plant which have greatly improved the situation. The entire process of elevator manufacture has now been concentrated in a single shop, under one director. This freed the machine shop from work on elevators, enabling it to devote its efforts to orders from other sections. Socialist competition among the shops was established, with many workers far exceeding their norms in the race.

The plant has fulfilled the 4-month plan, sending dozens of high-speed elevators to buildings of the capital. In recognition of its achievements the plant has been awarded the Red Banner of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the Ministry of Heavy Machine Building USSR.

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